**Kappa Chapter January Meeting, Virginia State Organization**

**The Delta Kappa Society International**

Kappa Chapter met on March 19, 2024 at Wilson Memorial High School for a program and business meeting with eight members present in person and three members joining via Zoom.

President Cheryl Sams called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and welcomed everyone.

Scarlett Kiser introduced our speaker, Nadine James. Nadine, a member of Alpha Nu Chapter, is a contributing author of Memoir Your Way: Tell Your Story through Writing, Recipes, Quilts, Graphic Novels, and More. Nadine spoke, via Zoom, about ways to tell your story. Following the presentation, attendees made their own journals.

Seven Journey Bags were assembled to donate to Social Services.

**Business Meeting**

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Minutes:** The minutes for the January meeting had been sent electronically. The minutes were accepted as written.

**Committee Reports**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sandy Proctor reported that the checking account balance is $8448.88. The full report will be filed as presented.

**Nominations:** Anne Perdue presented the 2024-2026 Slate of Officers. The slate was approved as presented.

**2024-26 Kappa Slate of Officers**

President:  Cheryl Sams

First Vice President: Scarlett Kiser
Second Vice President: Cassy Maxton-Whitacre

Recording Secretary: Volunteers on rotating basis
Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter:  Heather Cooper

**Nominations Committee**:
Dee Hoy

Anne Perdue

**Blue Ridge Coordinating Council Chair**

Susan Schuckman

**Grant-in-Aid**: Completed applications are to be postmarked March 15. We have received 5-6 applications thus far.

**Fundraiser:** The Mt. Crawford Creamery Event is June 15, 2024 9:00-2:00 pm. We will be selling hamburgers, chips, and water. A volunteer sign up sheet will be available at the May meeting.

**Programs:** Scarlett Kiser.

* Our May meeting will be held May 7 at 6:00 pm at Panera Bread, Waynesboro. A boxed dinner will be offered (orders will be taken prior to the meeting). The Downs-Ryerson Grant In Aid will be awarded and the Installation of 2024-26 Officers will be conducted. Dues will be collected for 2024-25. A short Founder’s Day program will be presented.

**Unfinished Business**

**Margaret Shifflett Educational Stipend**: No applications were received by the December deadline. The application will be revised and disseminated with a deadline of April 30. In addition to notifying members and reposting on website, copies will be sent to Personnel Directors in Rockingham and Augusta County with a request to be disseminated to educators. Accepted applicants will be notified by May 24. Submitted receipts will be due no later than September 30, 2024.

**New Business**

Articles for the next Kappa Kapers is April 14. Please submit articles to Susan Schuckman.

**Announcements**

April 17, 2024: Leadership Seminar, UVA Wise

May 1, 2024: The Bridge articles due; ISEF Award Application Deadline

May 7, 2024: Kappa Dinner Meeting: Panera Bread 1102 Red Top Orchard Rd, Waynesboro, VA 22980; 6:00 pm

June 15: Member dues are due to chapter treasurer

July 9-13, 2024: International Convention, National Harbor, Maryland

Cheryl Sams adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Perdue, Acting Recording Secretary